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Dear Members of the Human Services Committee,

Firstly, thank you for your efforts to legislate for the provision adequate social services to the many people in need and who are due adequate care, including health care.

Secondly, I write to express my firm opposition to HB 6618, "AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN PERSONS RECEIVING ABORTION CARE AND RELATED SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT," and as a constituent of the State of Connecticut, I urge you to **VOTE NO** on this bill.

It is gravely unjust to use taxpayer funding for programs which violate the taxpayer's conscience. Unfortunately, this is already being performed with Medicaid funding already covering the cost of 75% of the abortions in our state. Passing HB 6618 only increases this wrong. The State does not offer funding for low income women to receive other forms of "health care," so why the preference for "abortion care and related services"? The bill itself is dangerously vague and lacks specifics that can be detrimental to the vulnerable women coming into the state to terminate their babies' lives, and jeopardize their own well-being. What happens to the woman who endures complications after the procedure? What about the woman who incurs the expense to travel to Connecticut and then decides she does not want to go through with it? "Abortion care and related services" is nowhere defined in the bill and needs to be. The lack of specifics in the proposed bill is enough to warrant opposition, let alone the fact that abortions do not serve women and their children, quite contrarily, they leave one dead and one wounded.

I understand you may not agree with my view. I, therefore, respectfully request that you fulfill your obligation to represent all of your constituents, rather than push a politicized agenda which is not being requested by the general public.

Sincerely,

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